

Working Together to Advance Safe Routes to School

This document describes the main national organizations and entities supporting and advancing Safe Routes to School—Federal Highway Administration, state departments of transportation, National Center for Safe Routes to School, and Safe Routes to School National Partnership. These entities have distinct roles, yet they all work collaboratively towards the same goal: to enable and encourage more American children to safely walk, roll and ride bicycles to and from school.

Federal Highway Administration

Unique function: Serves as administration agency for the federal Safe Routes to School program, including oversight of funding for state programs and for a national clearinghouse.

Funding: The Federal-aid Safe Routes to School Program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU), signed into Public Law (P.L. 109-59) on August 10, 2005. The SRTS Program is funded at over \$800 million since 2005 and provides Federal-aid highway funds to state Departments of Transportation (DOTs). Each FHWA Division office (located in all 50 states and Washington D.C.) works with their respective state transportation agency to administer the Federal-aid program, including Safe Routes to School. The FHWA Office of Safety directs the work of the national clearinghouse, the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

www.fhwa.dot.gov
safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes

State Departments of Transportation

Unique function: The federal Safe Routes to School program is managed and administered by each state Department of Transportation. It is each state's responsibility to appoint a full-time Safe Routes to School Coordinator, develop a state Safe Routes to School program and disperse funds to local programs in accordance with state and federal policies and laws.

Funding: Federal aid is apportioned to each state in accordance with a formula specified in SAFETEA-LU. No state shall receive an apportionment for a fiscal year of less than \$1,000,000. These funds are available for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects, and to administer state Safe Routes to School programs that benefit elementary and middle school children in grades K–8.



National Center for Safe Routes to School

Unique function: Serves as the national clearinghouse for the federal Safe Routes to School program. Provides a centralized national resource of Safe Routes to School information, technical support, program tracking, evaluation and training for local and state programs.

Funding: The National Center is maintained by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center with funding from the Federal Highway Administration.

www.saferoutesinfo.org



Safe Routes to School National Partnership

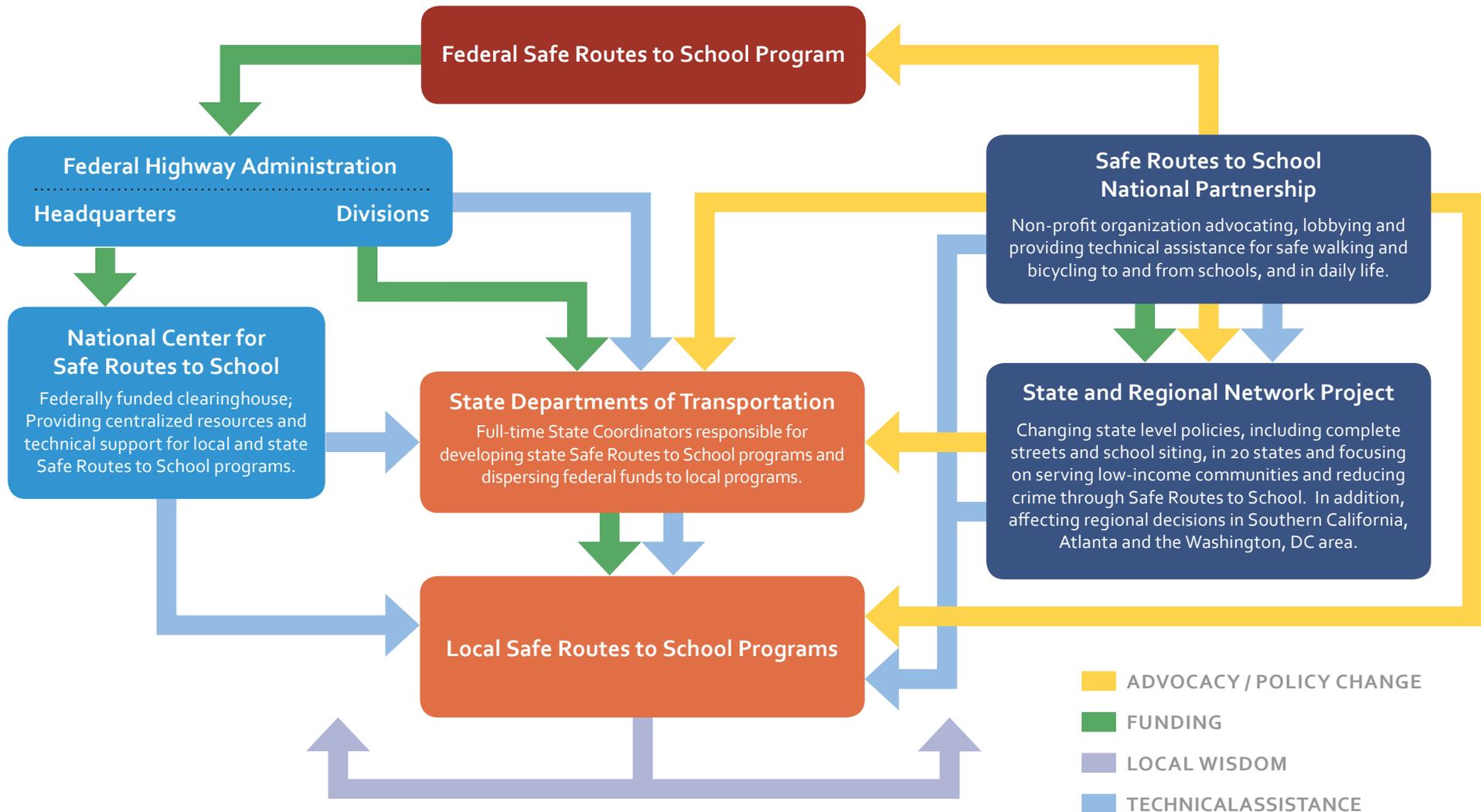
Unique function: Serves as an umbrella advocacy organization with a network of more than 500 partners advancing Safe Routes to School. Works to strengthen and expand Safe Routes to School funding through advocacy, policy change, grassroots engagement and technical assistance.

Funding: The National Partnership is generously supported by individuals, its partners, corporations and foundations with significant support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, CDC, SRAM Cycling Fund and Bikes Belong Coalition.

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Safe Routes to School Organizations — How We Collaborate



STATUS OF FEDERAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING

In August 2005, the federal SRTS Program was created by Section 1404 of the federal transportation bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU). Housed in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Safety, the SRTS program is funded at \$612 million over five federal fiscal years (FY 2005–2009). Congress has extended the program at \$183 million per year starting in FY2010 until a long-term transportation reauthorization is complete.